

Hello, my name is Anthony Paul, I'm a 44-year-old dad, and throughout my life I had multiple run-ins with the law. While I was incarcerated, my son, Isaiah, 3, was born and was placed in foster care. After I was released from prison, I was determined to get my son back. My DCF worker referred me to the Supportive Housing for Families program, and I was assigned to a case manager who helped me find an apartment in Hartford.

While I was working, my vocational specialist helped me enroll in a CDL course and at the same time I began having visitations with my son. After working through some barriers, and with the help of my case manager and vocational specialist, I was able to take and pass my CDL permit exam and eventually passed the test and got my Class B CDL. After getting my license, I found better employment with higher pay to ensure my son would be well taken care of. I am working hard every day to make sure that my son has the best environment to come home to. I feel SHF truly cares for me and wanted me to succeed. I wanted to give up many times but didn't because I had people in my corner to help me when things got tough. I want to thank the Legislators for supporting this program which gave me my life back with my son.